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AND METHOD OF TREATING METACARPAL FRACTURES**

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U.S. PATENT(S) / PUBLICATION(S) :

<u>Patent/Pub. No.</u>	<u>Patentee/Inventor</u>	<u>Date of Issue/Pub.</u>
4,384,571	Nuzzo et al.	May 24, 1983
4,662,364	Viegas et al.	May 05, 1987
5,058,576	Grim et al.	Oct 22, 1991
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AliMed Inc. catalog pages F3, F4, F5 and F12, illustrations of immobilizers, date unknown.

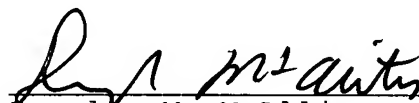
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Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

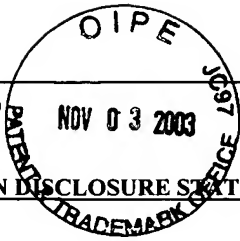
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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